

Landau levels and quantum oscillations



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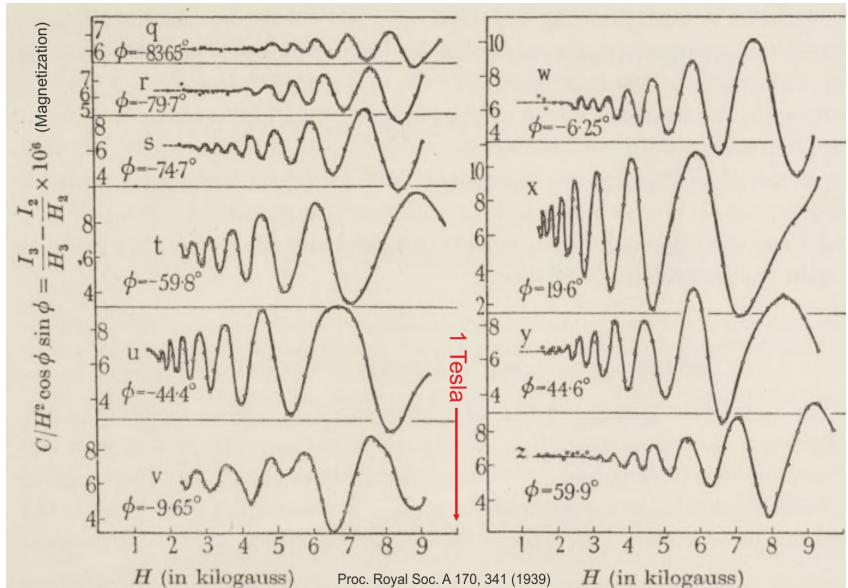
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FORTY ODD YEARS IN THE COLD

reminiscences of work in low temperature physics



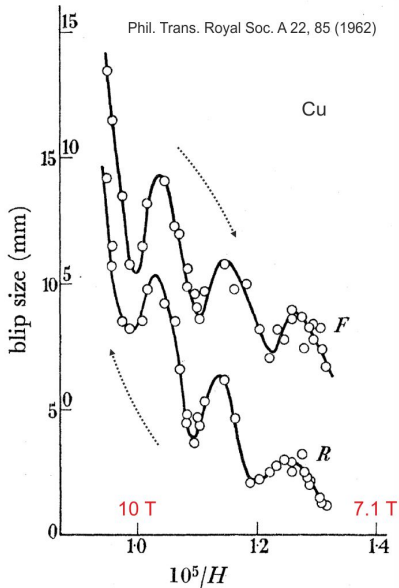
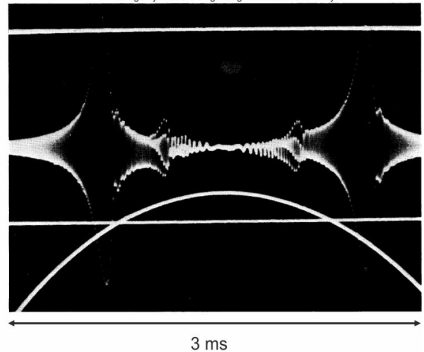
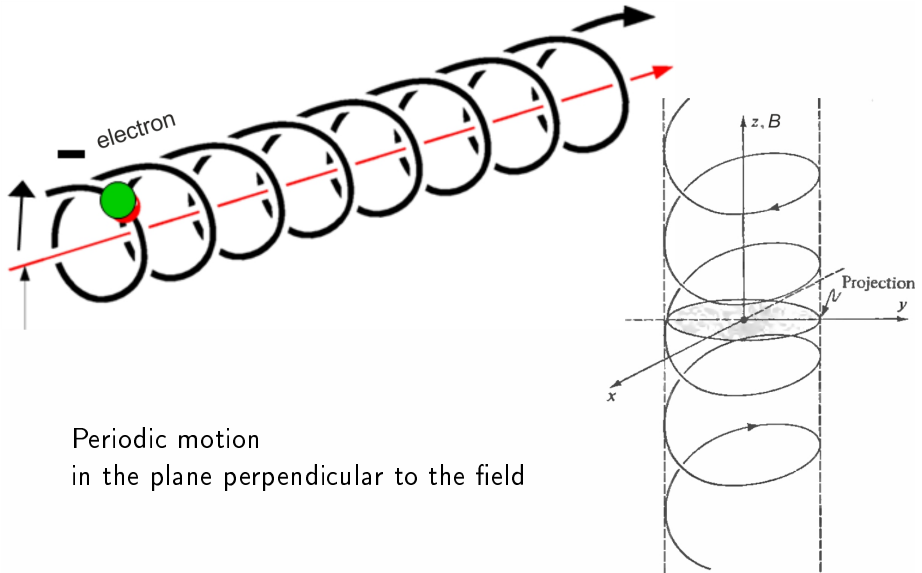


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Periodic motion
in the plane perpendicular to the field

acceleration of charged particles

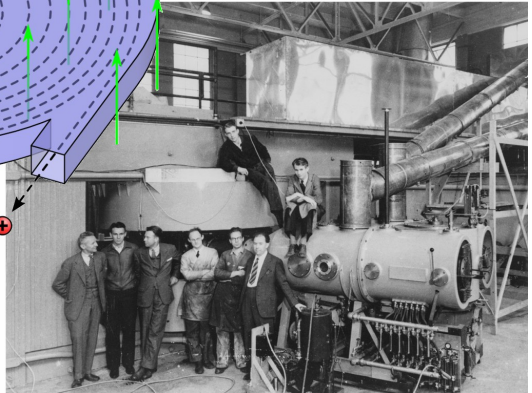
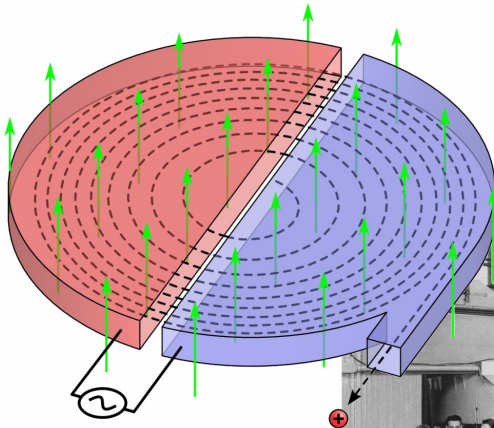
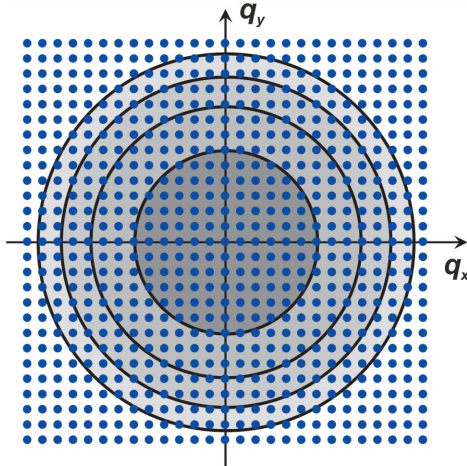
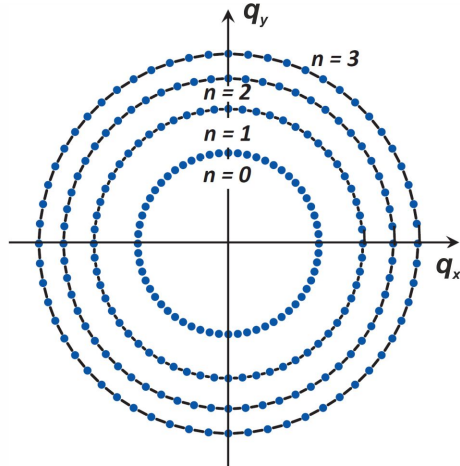
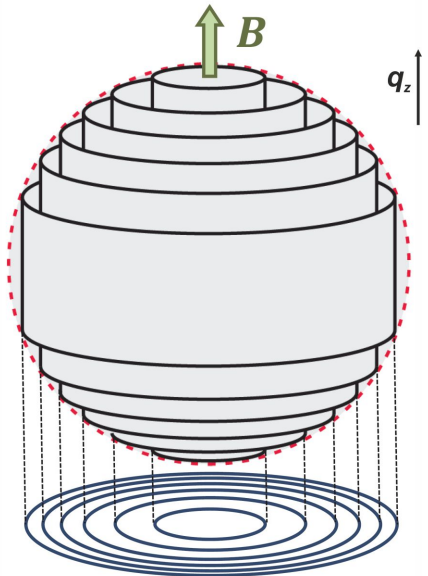
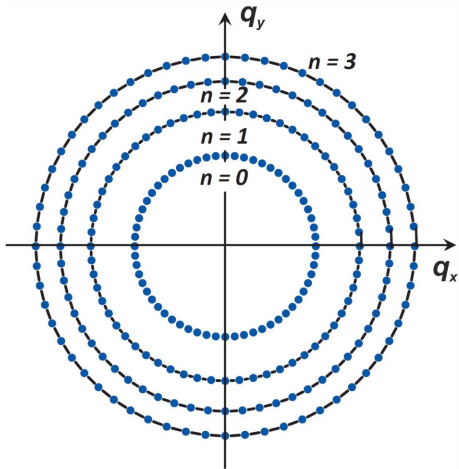


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zero field ($B = 0$)magnetic field ($B \neq 0$)

Magnetic field re-distributes electronic states of a crystal





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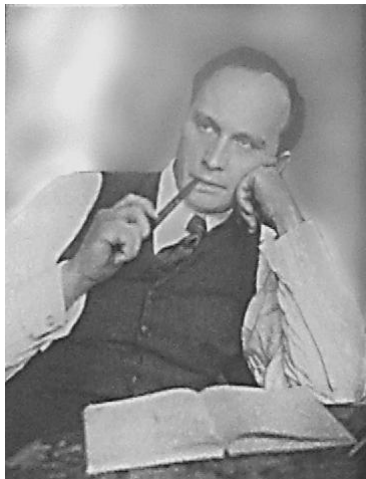


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**Best low-temperature lab
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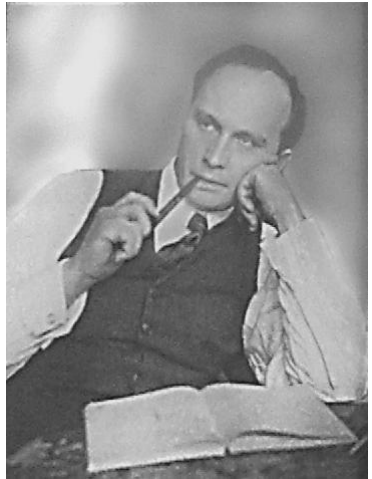


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- 1931–37: head of low- T lab in Kharkiv, Ukraine
- Landau becomes head of theory department in the same institute

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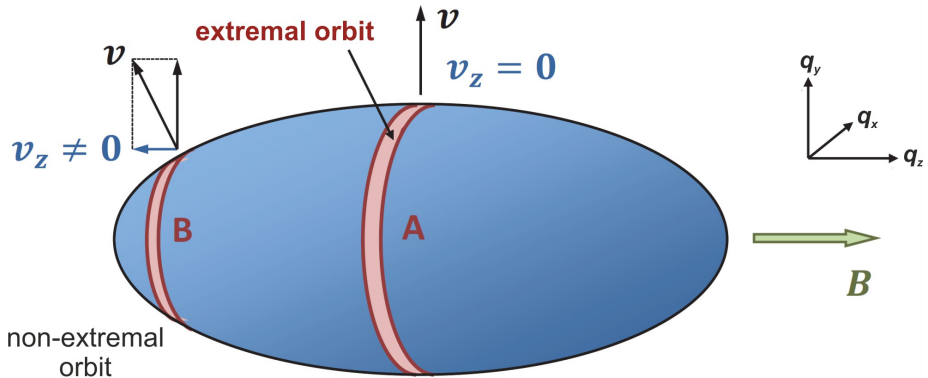


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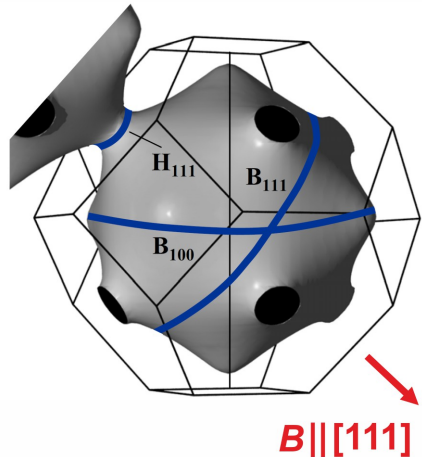
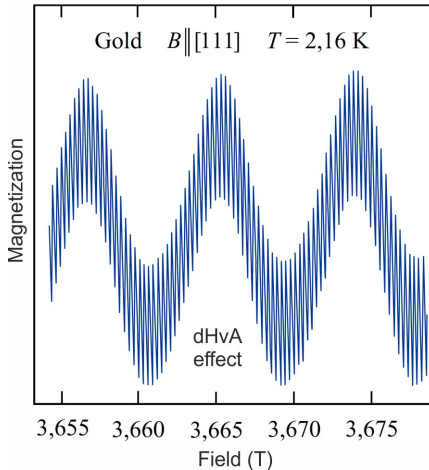


Experimental technique

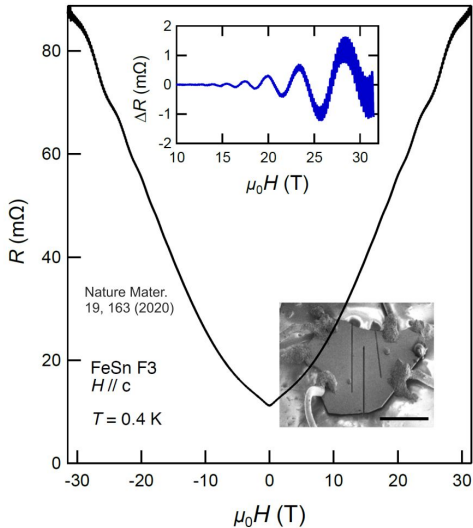
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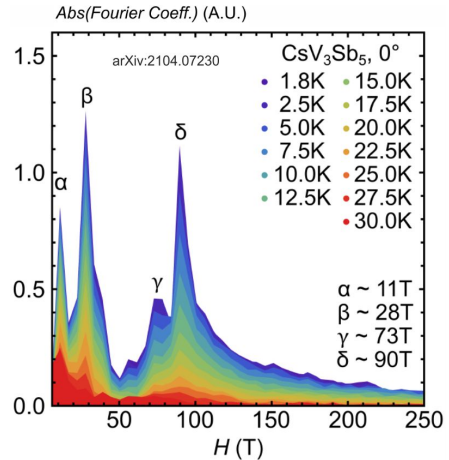
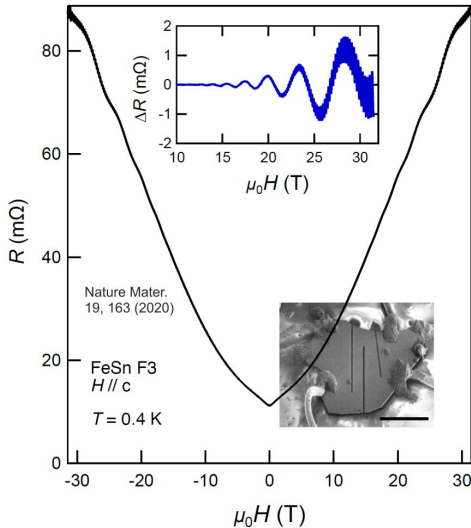


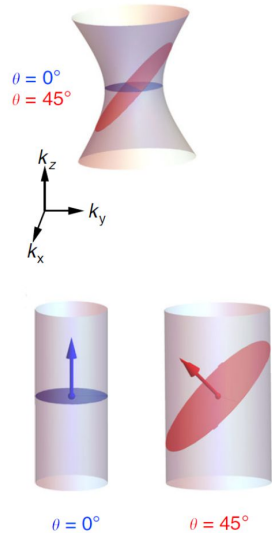
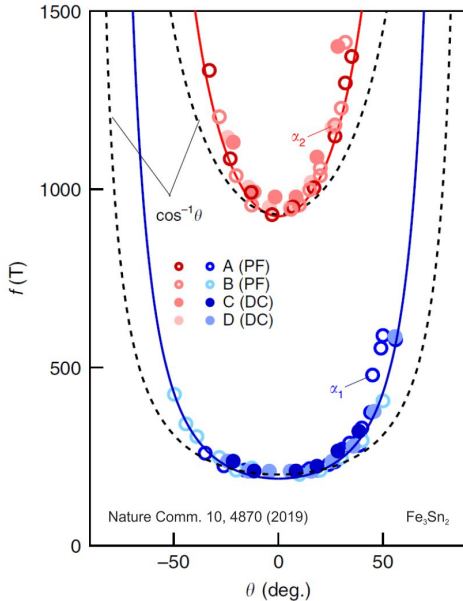
Only **extremal orbits** manifest themselves in quantum oscillations

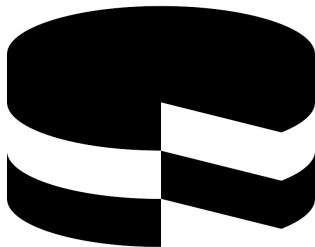


Two frequencies from two extremal cross-sections: “belly” and “neck”

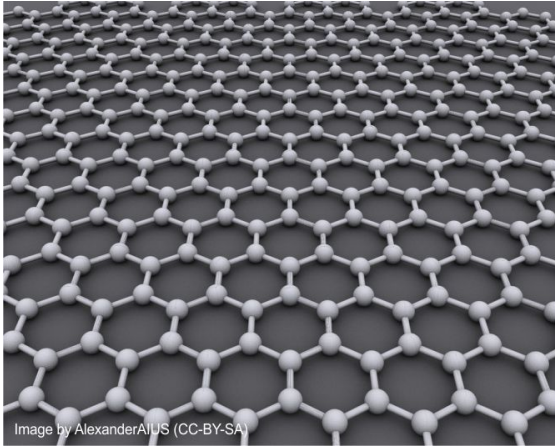








Material



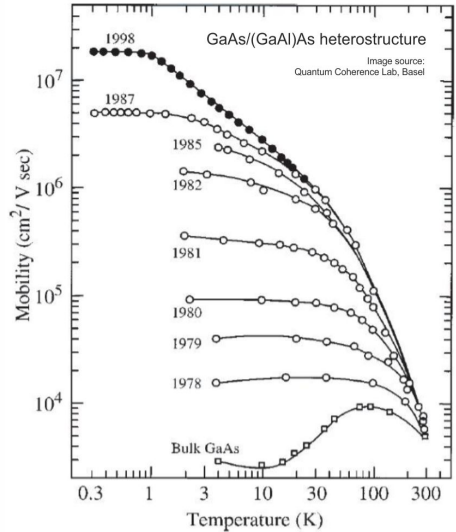
Graphene

$$\mu \sim 10^4 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$$

(at 300 K)

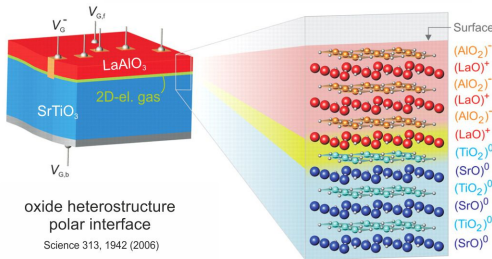


semiconductor heterostructure



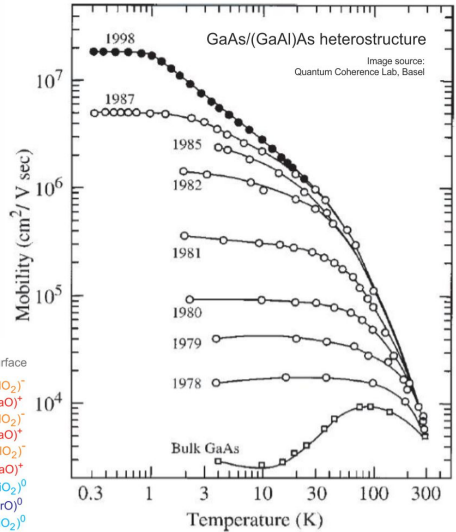


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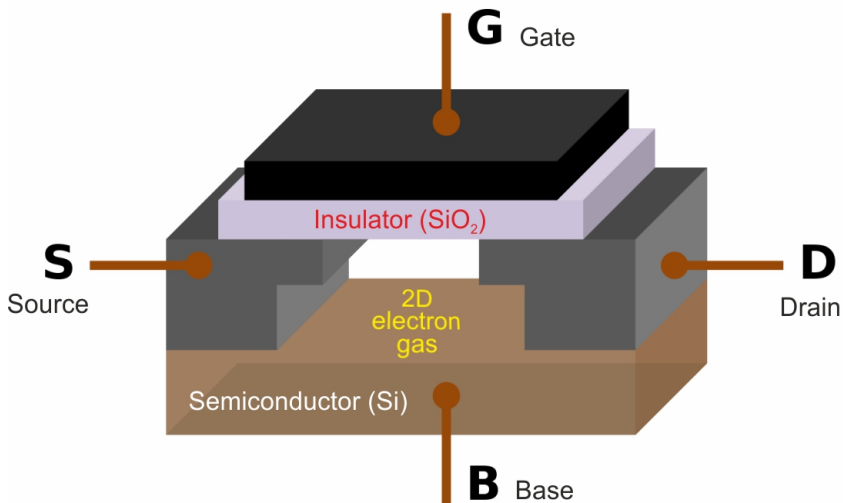
oxide heterostructure
polar interface

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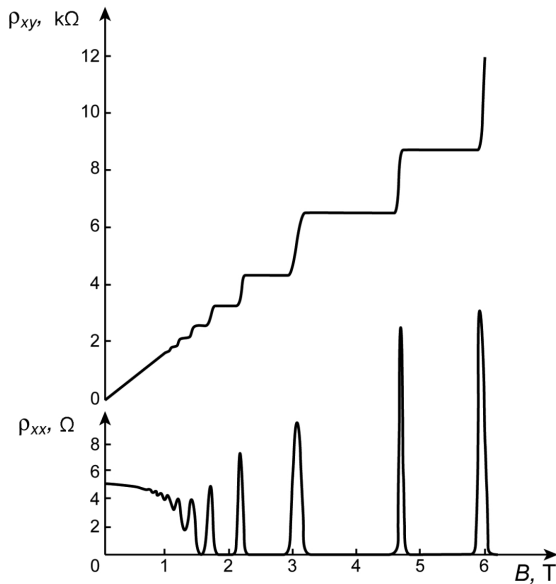


GaAs/(GaAl)As heterostructure

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MOSFET = Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor Field-Effect Transistor



$$R_{xy} = \frac{h}{e^2\nu}$$

ν integer or fractional

$$R_K = \frac{h}{e^2} \simeq 25812.807 \Omega$$

von Klitzing constant